

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 852

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor Gibson Furniture & Patio upon the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses and their remarkable employees who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable business is Gibson Furniture & Patio, located on North Water Avenue in Gallatin, which is celebrating its fortieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Gibson Furniture & Patio was founded in 1972 and was originally called Economy Furniture until owner Jim Gibson bought out his partner, Odean Thompson, a few years later; and

WHEREAS, the business was called Gibson Furniture for the majority of its history until Jim Gibson decided to combine it with their connecting patio store, Gibson Patio Shop; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson's son, Eddie Gibson, now runs the business and began working with his father in the store when he was in high school, but he did not originally plan to turn the job into a career; and

WHEREAS, at the time of Eddie's graduation from college in 1986, the economy was in a small recession, and he decided to go to work for his father full-time; and

WHEREAS, Eddie enjoyed several years of working with his father until his passing in 1998, and he fondly remembers bouncing ideas off of his father and discussing the business; and

WHEREAS, as a tribute to his father's legacy, Eddie strives to live up to Jim Gibson's advice about the family business, which was to always be honest with people and always be

upfront, and the business's forty-year tradition of excellence stands as a timeless testament to that sage advice; and

WHEREAS, as Gibson Furniture & Patio celebrates its rich history of forty years in business, it is appropriate to honor the many employees, both past and present, who have used their time, talent, and resources to serve their community and fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Gibson Furniture & Patio is most assuredly worthy of this General Assembly's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mr. Eddie Gibson and the employees, both past and present, of Gibson Furniture & Patio, for their tireless dedication to their customers, congratulate them on the celebration of the business's fortieth anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.